(b) The Manager (P&A), BDL who was suffering from kidney failure has advertised for kidney donation. The kidney donor mentioned in the News item dated 1.7.92 had volunteered and offered his kidney allegedly on an assurance for payment of Rs. 30,000 and a permanent job in BDL.

The kidney transplantation took place in Appolo Hispital. The Manager (P&A) who was asked by the Company to explain the allegations against him has stated that he paid Rs. 5,000 before and Rs. 20,000 after the operation. He has also informed that his brother also provided free boarding and lodging to him from May, 1991 to Feburary, 92 and paid Rs. 4,000.

As regards the allegation about assuring a permanent job in BDL, the Manager (P&A) has denied having given any such assurance and claims that his signatures have been forged on a promisory note. In any case he had no authority to make any such promise on behalf of the company.

Action has been taken to investigate into the matter.

Election to Cantonment Boards

1792. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that election in 58 Cantonment Boards were held in February, 1992; and

(b) if so, the names of the elected Members who took oath in Hindi, Urdu, Sanskrit and English respectively?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Ordinary elections to 56 Cantonment Boards were held in February 1992. Elections to the Dehradun and Fategarh Cantonment Boards were held in April, 1992.

No elected member took oath in Sanskrit.

Names of the elected members in the February 1992 Elections, who took oath in Hindi, Urdu or English are given in Annexure (*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No 33)

Modernisation of Indian Navy, Airforce and Army

1793. SHRI S. K. T, RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the steps being taken to improve and modernise Indian Navy, Airforce and Army?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Modernisation of the Armed Forces in an on-going process. Having regard to the changing threat scenario and the availability of resources, appropriate measures are taken to modernise our Forces in order to ensure effective defence preparedness. Details of modernisation plans of our Armed Forces cannot be divulged in the national security interest.

Cadre review of Ministerial staff in Army Headquarters

1794. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2354 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th March, 1992 and state:

(a) whether the proposals regarding cadre review of Ministerial staff in Army Headquarters accepted by the Ministry of Defence will not bring additional expenditure; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons that the proposals have not been given effect to so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The ministerial staff in Army Headquarters mostly comprise personnel from the AFHQ Civil Service, AFHQ Stenographers Service and AFHQ Clerical Service. No proposals regarding the Cadre Review of these services have been finally approved by the Government in the recent past.